

Hawk Canyon Loop



Highlights

- Short loop provides good exercise with climbs out of the canyon
- Beautiful oak canopy along the Hawk Canyon Trail
- Great view into the Conejo Canyons from Hidden Rim Trail
- Experienced mountain bikers will love descending the slightly loose Hidden Rim Trail

Description

This is a short hike or ride that includes the lovely oak-shaded Hawk Canyon. The climbs out of the canyon have about 350' of elevation gain and so provide a good workout! The loop can be done in either direction, but mountain bikers will find that going counter-clockwise, as shown in the elevation profile, is easier because the climb out is much less steep. The section along the road to connect the two trails is about 0.4 miles long.

Key Statistics

Popularity: Moderate; there's a good chance of encountering other visitors

Parking: Free parking in a dirt lot on Conejo Center Drive next to the hazardous waste drop-off yard

Distance: 2.7 miles

Cumulative Climbing and Descent: 450'

Tread Surface: Firm dirt fire roads and single-track trails. Steeper and possibly loose on Hidden Rim

Hazards: Poison oak at the south end of the Hawk Canyon Trail

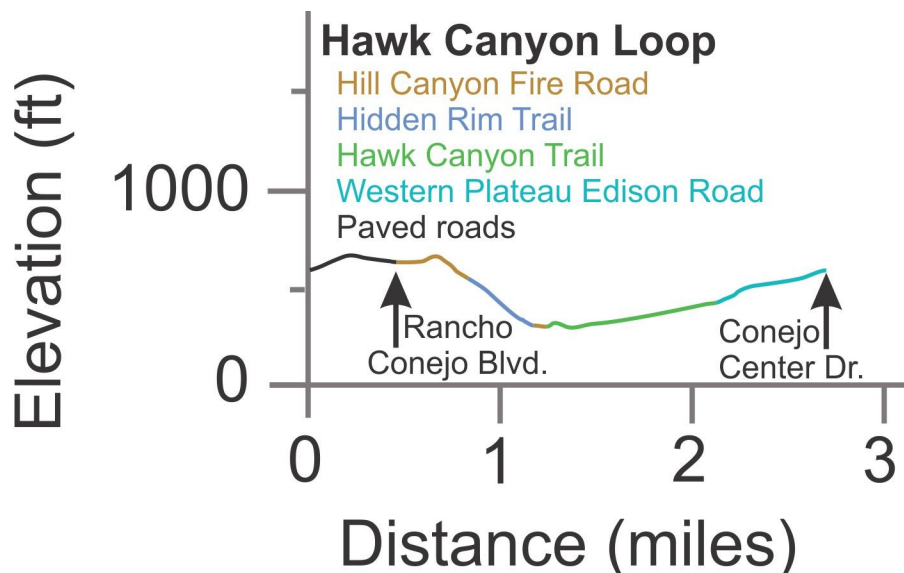
Facilities: Benches marked by orange stars on the map are off the route 

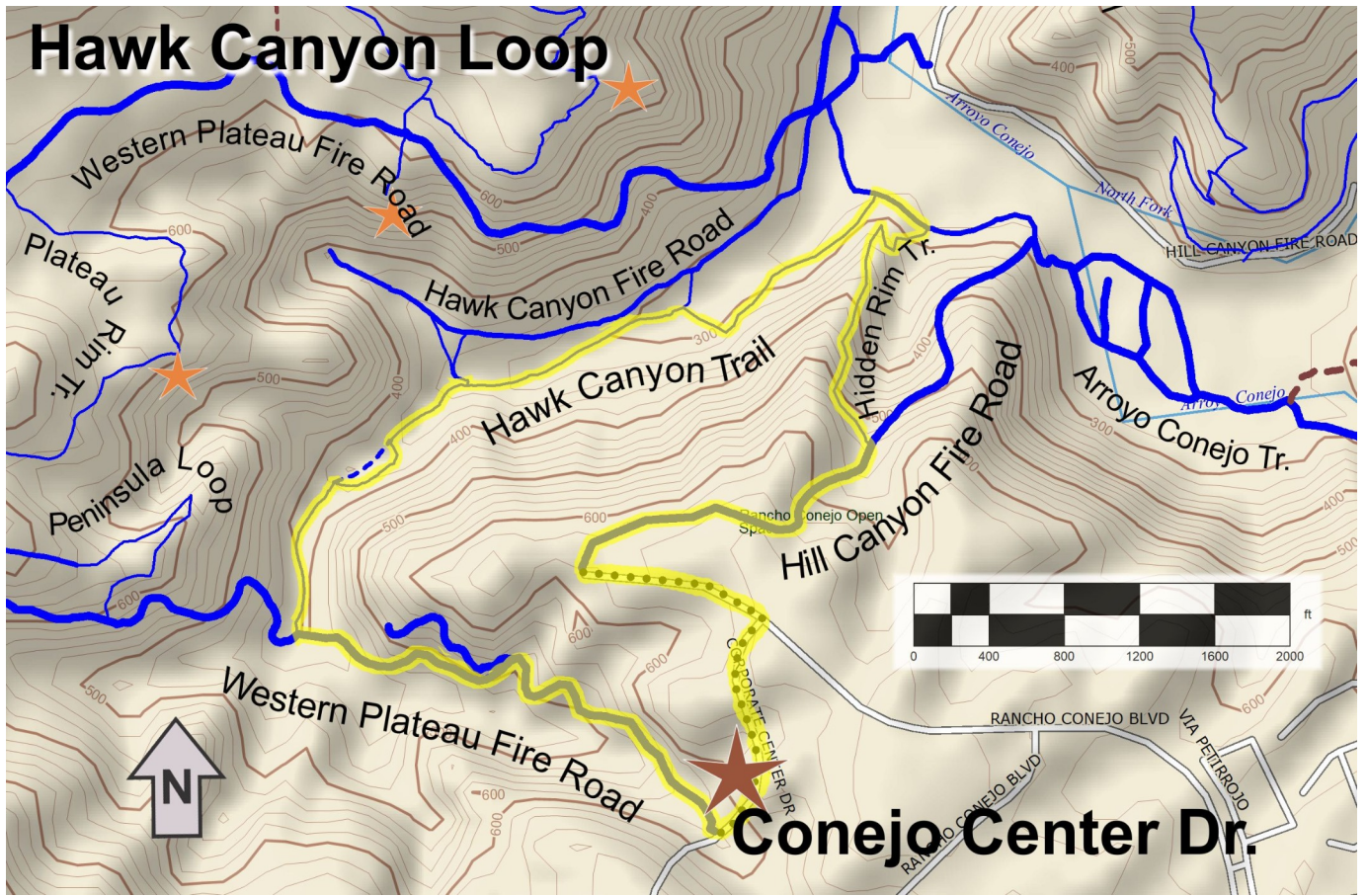
Connections: Western Plateau Edison Road and Hill Canyon Fire Road to other Western Plateau trails and Arroyo Conejo Trail from the latter

Driving Directions: From the 101 Freeway in Newbury Park, exit at Rancho Conejo Blvd heading north. Drive 1.8 miles, almost to the end, then turn left onto Conejo Center Drive. Continue 0.3 miles then park in the dirt lot on the right.

Map: <http://bit.ly/UchB4u>

Elevation Profile, traveling counter-clockwise





Map courtesy of <https://www.venturacountytrails.org>

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Photos

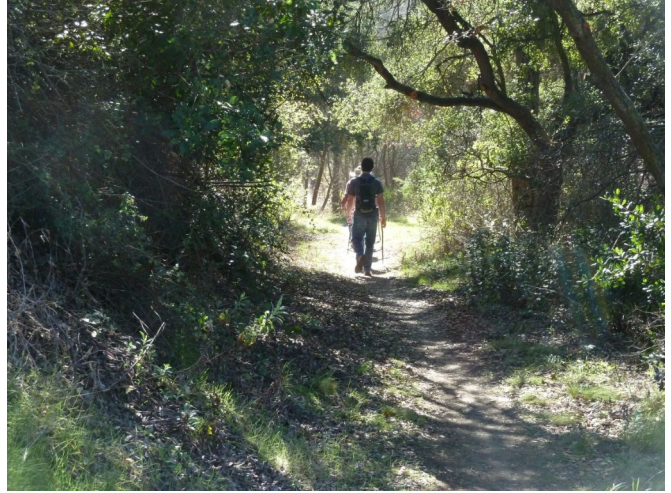
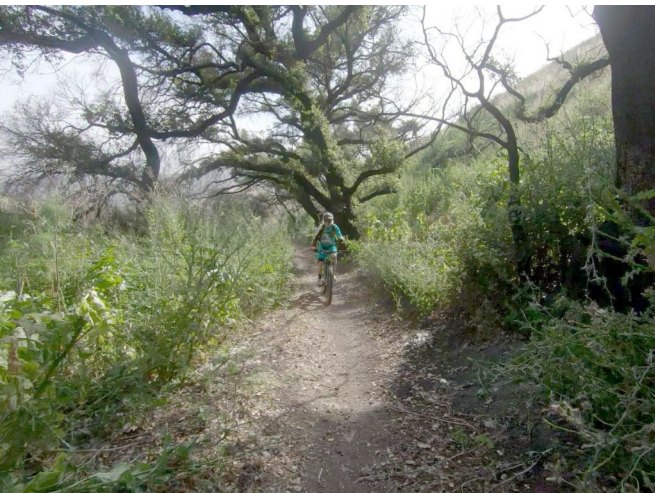
Hill Canyon Fire Road



Hidden Rim Trail



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Western Plateau Edison Road



Repairing the Hawk Canyon Trail after the flood in 2019

